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Major General Arthur G. Trudeau
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Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

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I would therefore urge that you use your influence to bring about early resumption of negotiation leading to a final "Agreed Activities" paper.

Sincerely,

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Maj. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau
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Dear General Trudeau:

Thank you for your letter of 24 December. In response I should like to make the following comments:

I do not believe that a second revision of NSCID No. 5 is necessary in order to achieve a coordinated program in terms of which the Army may more effectively contribute in the clandestine collection field. As you doubtless know, NSCID No. 5 was revised on 28 August 1951 in order to provide for changing world conditions arising from the Korean war and the establishment of NATO. It is my view that an effective coordinated program can be worked out within the framework of the existing directive.

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~~If you feel that a reexamination of NSCID #5 should be made simultaneously with the effort to press forward with the "Agreed Activities" paper, I suggest you introduce such a proposal in the IAC.~~

Sincerely yours,

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